

Tonasket School District #404
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2014
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen with Catherine Stangland, Lloyd Caton and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Paul Turner and Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Jeremy Clark, Jeff Hardesty, and Jay Tyus. Also present were Brent Baker, Bob, Julie and Madeline Ashmore, Kim Fitzthum, Michelle Silverthorn, Michele Fancher, Brenda Grove, Michele Giovia, Cari Haug, Jim Swanson, Emily Bjelland, Justina Bolz, and Michael Gonzales.

FLAG SALUTE

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:05 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additions to the agenda: In New Business: Presentation from the MS Electives. Miscellaneous Items added. Additional information has been added to the Consent Agenda.

OATH OF OFFICE

Paul Turner administered the Oath of Office to Lloyd Caton.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the minutes of the December 9, 2013 regular board meeting and the December 20, 2013 special board meeting be approved as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion to approve the December 9 minutes and Lloyd Caton seconded the motion to approve the December 20 minutes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Catherine Stangland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Bond and Levy Update

Paul Turner expressed appreciation to Catherine Stangland for the lead that she has taken in the bond and levy activities. Mr. Turner commented that presentations are lined up for the next couple weeks. It was reported that the bond and levy committee is moving along rapidly with the promoting of the bond and levy; highlights of their activities were mentioned. Information is available on the district's webpage and a Facebook page has been developed.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Materials Committee

Kim Fitzthum presented the instructional materials for consideration from the Outreach Program.

Bond Counsel Engagement Letter for the Issuance of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds

Paul Turner explained that the Bond Counsel Engagement Letter for the Issuance of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds is an agreement with our bonding attorney that puts us in a legal agreement that he will represent us.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to retain Jim McNeil as our Bond Counsel. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

STEM Update/Report

Bob Ashmore provided an update on the STEM and GEAR-Up activities taking place. Bob and Michele Giovia provided highlights of the Stehekin outdoor learning trip that was taken at the beginning of the school year. Each of the principals and teachers who attended the Stehekin trip also shared their thoughts on the trip and the educational benefits that came out of it. Mr. Ashmore also reported on the MS lego robotics, Coding Week in which 95 students participated in hands-on computer programming activities, and also the after-school tutoring. Also mentioned were the college visits that have been planned. An update on the Certified Medical Assistant Program was given.

MS Electives

Michele Fancher, Cari Haug, and Michelle Silverthorn presented information on the elective classes being offering to students in the middle school.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Federal Forest

Lloyd Caton, Board Legislative Representative, reported that the Federal Forest proposal is on the docket for the Senate and the House to propose that timber dollars are no longer deducted. Lloyd encouraged letters and emails to be sent to legislators to vote yes in support of Senate Bill 5986 and House Bill 2207.

Legislative Webinar

Paul Turner reported on the legislative webinar that he attended.

Dream Act

Catherine Stangland mentioned that board members received a letter about the Dream Act.

Class Size

Discussion was held on what is currently being done and what is best for this year's fourth grade regarding the class size.

WORK SESSION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION


The Board moved into executive session at 10:15 p.m. for 15 minutes for the purpose of the review of a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

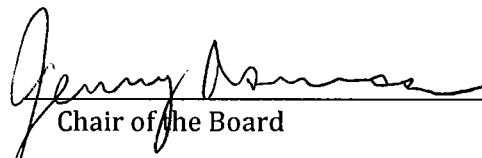


Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular board meeting (3 pages) were approved at the January 27, 2014 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board (In place of Paul Turner)



Chair of the Board